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## About the Manual

The manual consists of the following:

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# **Chapter 1**

## ***Introducing the Motherboard***

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### **Introduction**

Thank you for choosing the KM400-M2 motherboard. This motherboard is a high performance, enhanced function motherboard that supports Socket 462 AMD processors with a 333/266/200MHz CPU front side bus.

The motherboard incorporates the VIA KM400 Northbridge (NB) and VT8237 Southbridge (SB) chipsets. The KM400 Northbridge on this motherboard provides superior performance between the CPU, DRAM, V-Link bus and internal AGP 8X graphics controller bus with pipelined, burst, and concurrent operation. The KM400 Northbridge supports four banks of DDR Synchronous DRAMs up to 2 GB for unbuffered module, it also supports full AGP v3.0 with 2X, 4X, and 8X mode transfers. Plus, the KM400 Northbridge integrates a 128-bit graphics accelerator into the chip.

The VT8237 Southbridge on this motherboard is a high integration, high performance, power-efficient and high compatibility device that includes standard intelligent peripheral controllers: Serial ATA dual channel controller with RAID capability, master mode enhanced IDE controller with increased reliability using UltraDMA-133/100/66 transfer protocols, IEEE 802.3 compliant 10/100Mbps PCI bus master Ethernet MAC with standard MII interface to external PHY ceiver, Universal Serial Bus controller with four root hubs and eight function ports, AC-link interface for AC'97 audio CODEC and modem CODEC. The VT8237 Southbridge also supports concurrent PCI Bus controller which is compliant with the PCI 2.2 specification.

There is an advanced full set of I/O ports in the rear panel, including PS/2 mouse and keyboard connectors, COM1, LPT1,VGA port and four USB ports, one optional LAN port, and audio jacks for microphone, line-in, and line-out. This motherboard is designed in a Micro ATX form factor using a four-layer printed circuit board and measures 244 mm x 221 mm. In addition to its excellent performance, the motherboard features a host of high-definition digital media technologies.

## Feature

### Processor

The motherboard uses a 462-pin socket that carries the following features:

- Accommodates AMD K7 CPUs
- Supports a system bus (FSB) of 333/266/200MHz

### Chipset

The KM400 Northbridge (NB) and VT8237 Southbridge (SB) chipset are based on an innovative and scalable architecture with proven reliability and performance.

#### KM400(NB)

- Supports 66 MHz V-Link Host interface with total bandwidth of 533 MB/s
- AGP v3.0 compliant with 8X transfer mode, supporting 533MHz 8X, 266 MHz 4X, and 133 MHz 2X transfer modes for AD and SBA signalling
- Supports DDR333/266/200 (PC2700, PC2100 and PC1600 DDR SDRAM)

#### VT8237(SB)

- Supports 16-bit 66 MHz V-Link Host interface with total bandwidth of 1066 MB/s
- Compliant with PCI 2.2 specification at 33 MHz, supporting up to 6 PCI masters
- Integrated Serial ATA Host Controllers, supporting data transfer rates up to 1.5Gb/s
- Integrated Dual channel UltraDMA 133/100/66 Master Mode EIDE Controller
- USB 2.0 Controller, supporting for 8 USB 2.0/1.1 ports
- Network Controller, supporting enterprise class 10/100 Mb Fast Ethernet MAC
- Integrated keyboard Controller with PS2 mouse support

### Memory

- Supports DDR333/266/200 SDRAM
- Accommodates two unbuffered 2.5V 184-pin slots
- A total maximum capacity 2 GB

### Graphics

- 64/32/16MB frame buffer using system memory
- 128-bit 2D/3D graphics engine
- High quality DVD video playback
- Graphics engine clocks up to 133 MHz decoupled from memory clock

### Audio

- Meets Microsoft WHQL/WLP 2.0 audio requirements
- 16-bit stereo full-duplex CODEC with 48KHz sampling rate
- Compliant with AC'97 v2.3 specification
- 3.3V digital, 5V analog power supply

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## Expansion Options

The motherboard comes with the following expansion options:

- One AGP 3.0 compliant slot with 8X/4X(supports 1.5V interface only) speed
- Three 32-bit PCI v2.2 compliant slots
- Two 40-pin IDE low profile headers that support four IDE devices
- One floppy disk drive interface
- Two 7-pin SATA connectors
- A Communications Networking Riser (CNR) slot

The motherboard supports Ultra DMA bus mastering with transfer rates of 133/100/66/33 MB/s.

## Onboard LAN (Optional)

The onboard LAN provides the following features:

- Supports 10Mb/s and 100Mb/s N-way Auto-negotiation operation
- Supports half/full duplex operation
- MII Interface to Ethernet Controller
- Supports Wake-On-LAN(WOL) function and remote wake-up
- Supports power down mode

## Integrated I/O

The motherboard has a full set of I/O ports and connectors:

- Two PS/2 ports for mouse and keyboard
- One serial port
- One parallel port
- One VGA port
- Four USB ports
- One LAN port (optional)
- Audio jacks for microphone, line-in and line-out

## BIOS Firmware

This motherboard uses Award BIOS that enables users to configure many system features including the following:

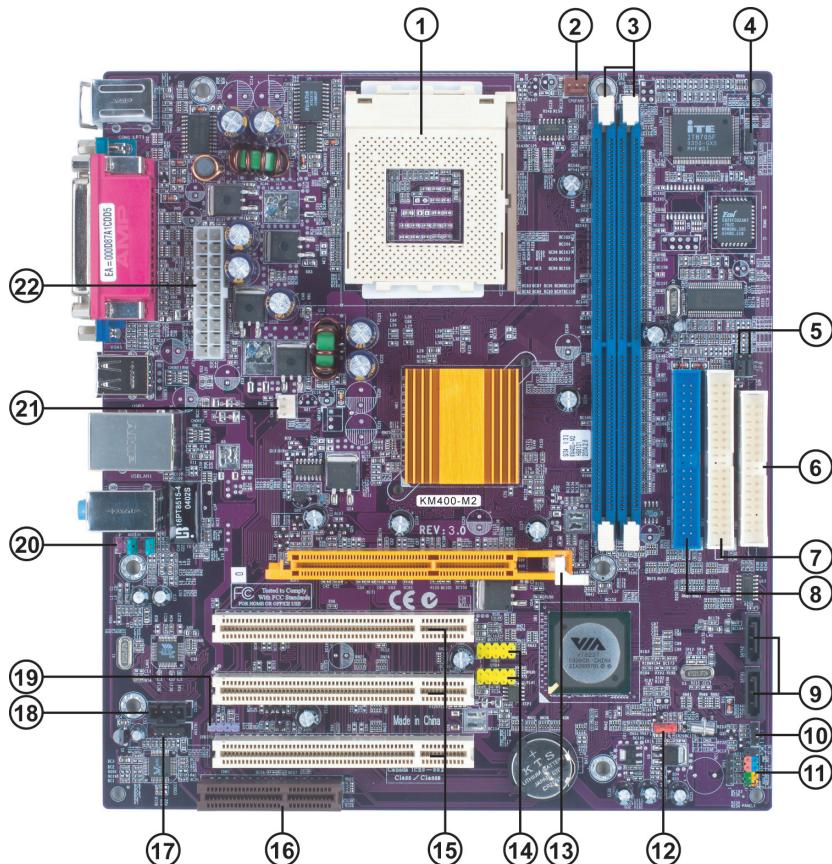
- Power management
- Wake-up alarms
- CPU parameters
- CPU and memroy timing

The firmware can also be used to set parameters for different processor clock speeds.



*Some hardware specifications and software items are subject to change with out prior notice.*

## Motherboard Components



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**Table of Motherboard Components**

LABEL	COMPONENT
1 CPU Socket	Socket-A for AMD K7 CPUs
2 CPUFAN1	CPU cooling fan connector
3 DIMM1~DIMM2	184-pin DDR SDRAM slots
4 JP3	BIOS flash protect jumper
5 JP8~JP9	CPU Frequency jumper
6 FDD1	Floppy disk drive connector
7 IDE2	Secondary IDE connector
8 IDE1	Primary IDE connector
9 SATA1~SATA2	Serial ATA connectors
10 SJ1	Single-color LED header
11 PANEL1	Front Panel switch/LED header
12 JP1	Clear CMOS jumper
13 AGP1	Accelerated Graphics Port Slot
14 USB3~USB4	Front Panel USB headers
15 PCI1~PCI3	32-bit add-on card slots
16 CNR1	Communications Networking Riser slot
17 AUXIN1	Auxiliary in header
18 CDIN1	Analog Audio Input connector
19 SPDIFO1	SPDIF out header
20 AUDIO1	Front panel audio header
21 CASFAN1	Case cooling fan connector
22 ATX1	Standard 20-pin ATX power connector

This concludes Chapter 1. The next chapter explains how to install the motherboard.

## Introducing the Motherboard

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**Introducing the Motherboard**

## Chapter 2

### ***Installing the Motherboard***

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#### **Safety Precautions**

- Follow these safety precautions when installing the motherboard
- Wear a grounding strap attached to a grounded device to avoid damage from static electricity
- Discharge static electricity by touching the metal case of a safely grounded object before working on the motherboard
- Leave components in the static-proof bags they came in
- Hold all circuit boards by the edges. Do not bend circuit boards

#### **Choosing a Computer Case**

There are many types of computer cases on the market. The motherboard complies with the specifications for the Micro ATX system case. First, some features on the motherboard are implemented by cabling connectors on the motherboard to indicators and switches on the system case. Make sure that your case supports all the features required. Secondly, KM400-M2 supports one or two floppy diskette drives and four enhanced IDE drives. Make sure that your case has sufficient power and space for all drives that you intend to install.

Most cases have a choice of I/O templates in the rear panel. Make sure that the I/O template in the case matches the I/O ports installed on the rear edge of the motherboard.

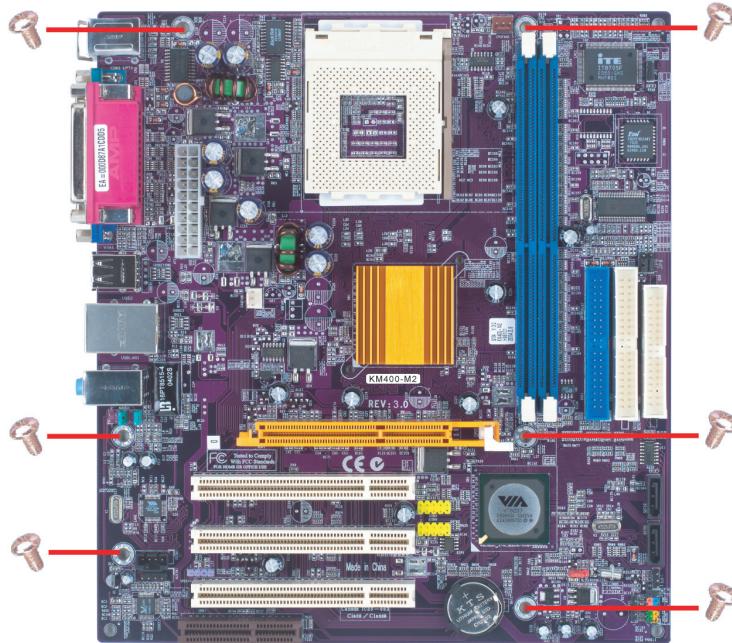
This motherboard carries a Micro ATX form factor of 244 x 221 mm. Choose a case that accommodates this form factor.

#### **Installing the Motherboard in a Case**

Refer to the following illustration and instructions for installing the motherboard in a case.

Most system cases have mounting brackets installed in the case, which correspond the holes in the motherboard. Place the motherboard over the mounting brackets and secure the motherboard onto the mounting brackets with screws.

Ensure that your case has an I/O template that supports the I/O ports and expansion slots on your motherboard.



*Do not over-tighten the screws as this can stress the motherboard.*

## Checking Jumper Settings

This section explains how to set jumpers for correct configuration of the motherboard.

### Setting Jumpers

Use the motherboard jumpers to set system configuration options. Jumpers with more than one pin are numbered. When setting the jumpers, ensure that the jumper caps are placed on the correct pins.

The illustrations show a 2-pin jumper. When the jumper cap is placed on both pins, the jumper is SHORT. If you remove the jumper cap, or place the jumper cap on just one pin, the jumper is OPEN.

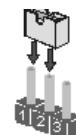


SHORT



OPEN

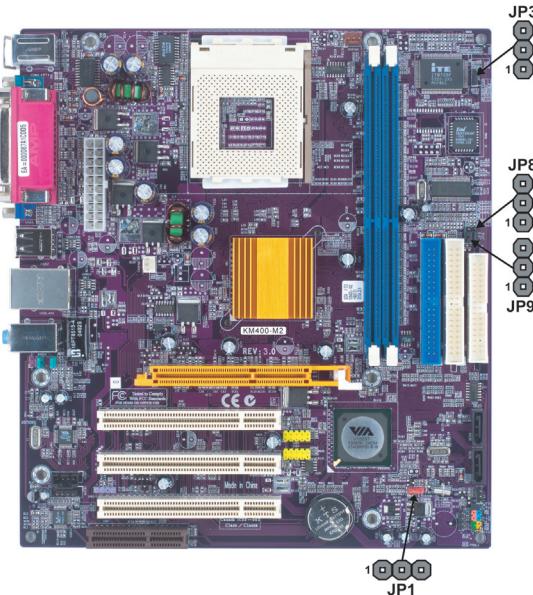
This illustration shows a 3-pin jumper. Pins 1 and 2 are SHORT.



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## Checking Jumper Settings

The following illustration shows the location of the motherboard jumpers. Pin 1 is labeled.



## Jumper Settings

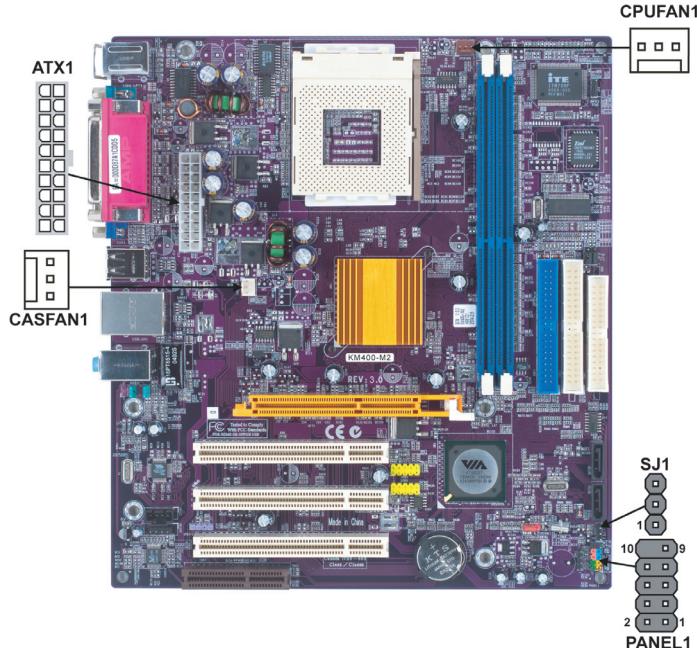
Jumper	Type	Description	Setting (default)	
<b>JP1</b>	3-pin	CLEAR CMOS	1-2: NORMAL 2-3: CLEAR  Before clearing the CMOS, make sure to turn the system off.	1 JP1
<b>JP3</b>	3-pin	BIOS FLASH	1-2: ENABLE 2-3: DISABLE	JP3
<b>JP8/JP9</b>	3-pin	CPU Frequency	CPU FREQ    JP8    JP9 100 MHz    1-2    1-2 133 MHz    2-3    1-2 166 MHz    2-3    2-3 200 MHz    1-2    2-3	JP8 JP9

## Installing the Motherboard

## Connecting Case Components

After you have installed the motherboard into a case, you can begin connecting the motherboard components. Refer to the following:

- 1 Connect the CPU cooling fan cable to **CPUFAN1**.
- 2 Connect the case cooling fan connector to **CASFAN1**.
- 3 Connect the case switches and indicator LEDs to the **PANEL1**.  
If there are 3 pins in the case LED cable, connect to **SJ1**.
- 4 Connect the standard power supply connector to **ATX1**.



### CPUFAN1/CASFAN1: FAN Power Connectors

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	GND	System Ground
2	+12V	Power +12V
3	Sense	Sensor

### SJ1: Single-color LED header

Pin	Signal Name
1	ACPI LED
2	ACPI LED
3	5VSB

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## ACPI LED function

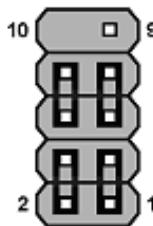
SJ1	S0	S1	S3	S4/S5
	Light	Blinking	Blinking	Dark

## ATX1: ATX 20-pin Power Connector

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	+3.3V	11	+3.3V
2	+3.3V	12	-12V
3	Ground	13	Ground
4	+5V	14	PS ON#
5	Ground	15	Ground
6	+5V	16	Ground
7	Ground	17	Ground
8	PWRGD	18	-5V
9	+5VSB	19	+5V
10	+12V	20	+5V

## Front Panel Header

The front panel header (PANEL1) provides a standard set of switch and LED headers commonly found on ATX or Micro ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:



PANEL1

Pin	Signal	Function	Pin	Signal	Function
1	HD_LED_P	Hard disk LED+	2	FP PWR/SLP	*MSG LED+
3	HD_LED_N	Hard disk LED-	4	FP PWR/SLP	*MSG LED-
5	RST_SW_N	Reset Switch	6	PWR_SW_P	Power Switch
7	RST_SW_P	Reset Switch	8	PWR_SW_N	Power Switch
9	RSVD	Reserved	10	Key	No pin

\* MSG LED (dual color or single color)

## Installing the Motherboard

## **Hard Drive Activity LED**

Connecting pins 1 and 3 to a front panel mounted LED provides visual indication that data is being read from or written to the hard drive. For the LED to function properly, an IDE drive should be connected to the onboard IDE interface. The LED will also show activity for devices connected to the SCSI (hard drive activity LED) connector.

## **Power/Sleep/Message waiting LED**

Connecting pins 2 and 4 to a single or dual-color, front panel mounted LED provides power on/off, sleep, and message waiting indication.

## **Reset Switch**

Supporting the reset function requires connecting pin 5 and 7 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. When the switch is closed, the board resets and runs POST.

## **Power Switch**

Supporting the power on/off function requires connecting pins 6 and 8 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. The switch should maintain contact for at least 50 ms to signal the power supply to switch on or off. The time requirement is due to internal debounce circuitry. After receiving a power on/off signal, at least two seconds elapses before the power supply recognizes another on/off signal.

# **Installing Hardware**

## **Installing the Processor**



*Caution: When installing a CPU heatsink and cooling fan make sure that you DO NOT scratch the motherboard or any of the surface-mount resistors with the clip of the cooling fan. If the clip of the cooling fan scrapes across the motherboard, you may cause serious damage to the motherboard or its components.*

*On most motherboards, there are small surface-mount resistors near the processor socket, which may be damaged if the cooling fan is carelessly installed.*

*Avoid using cooling fans with sharp edges on the fan casing and the clips. Also, install the cooling fan in a well-lit work area so that you can clearly see the motherboard and processor socket.*

## **Before installing the Processor**

This motherboard automatically determines the CPU clock frequency and system bus frequency for the processor. You may be able to change these settings by making changes to jumpers on the motherboard, or changing the settings in the system Setup Utility. We strongly recommend that you do not over-clock processors or other components to run faster than their rated speed.

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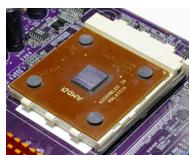
*Warning: Over-clocking components can adversely affect the reliability of the system and introduce errors into your system. Over-clocking can permanently damage the motherboard by generating excess heat in components that are run beyond the rated limits.*

This motherboard has a Socket-462 socket. When choosing a processor, consider the performance requirements of the system. Performance is based on the processor design, the clock speed and system bus frequency of the processor, and the quantity of internal cache memory and external cache memory.

## CPU Installation Procedure

The following illustration shows CPU installation components.

- 1 Install your CPU. Pull up the lever away from the socket and lift up to 90-degree angle.
- 2 Locate the CPU cut edge (the corner with the pin hold noticeably missing). Align and insert the CPU correctly.
- 3 Press the lever down and apply thermal grease on top of the CPU.
- 4 Put the CPU Fan down on the retention module and snap the four retention legs of the cooling fan into place.
- 5 Flip the levers over to lock the heat sink in place and connect the CPU cooling Fan power cable to the CPUFAN connector. This completes the installation.



*To achieve better airflow rates and heat dissipation, we suggest that you use a high quality fan with 4800 rpm at least. CPU fan and heatsink installation procedures may vary with the type of CPU fan/heatsink supplied. The form and size of fan/heatsink may also vary.*

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## Installing Memory Modules

This motherboard accommodates two 184-pin 2.5V unbuffered Double Data Rate (DDR)SDRAM (Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory) memory modules. It can support DDR333/266/200 (PC2700/PC2100/PC1600 Double-Data-Rate DRAM) memory modules. The total memory capacity is 2GB.

### DDR SDRAM memory module table

Memory module	Memory Bus
DDR200	100MHz
DDR266	133MHz
DDR333	166MHz



*Do not remove any memory module from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it on the motherboard. Handle the modules only by their edges. Do not touch the components or metal parts. Always wear a grounding strap when you handle the modules.*

## Installation Procedure

Refer to the following to install the memory modules.

- 1 This motherboard supports unbuffered DDR SDRAM only.
- 2 Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.
- 3 Align the memory module with the slot. The DIMM slots are keyed with notches and the DIMMs are keyed with cutouts so that they can only be installed correctly.
- 4 Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot.
- 5 Install the DIMM module into the slot and press it firmly down until it seats correctly. The slot latches are levered upwards and latch on to the edges of the DIMM.
6. Install any remaining DIMM modules.



## Installing the Motherboard

## Installing a Hard Disk Drive/CD-ROM/SATA Hard Drive

This section describes how to install IDE devices such as a hard disk drive and a CD-ROM drive.

### About IDE Devices

Your motherboard has a primary and secondary IDE channel interface (IDE1 and IDE2). An IDE ribbon cable supporting two IDE devices is bundled with the motherboard.



*You must orient the cable connector so that the pin1 (color) edge of the cable corresponds to the pin 1 of the I/O port connector.*

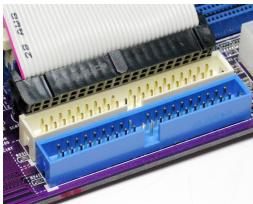
#### IDE1: Primary IDE Connector

The first hard drive should always be connected to IDE1.



#### IDE2: Secondary IDE Connector

The second drive on this controller must be set to slave mode. The configuration is the same as IDE1.



IDE devices enclose jumpers or switches used to set the IDE device as MASTER or SLAVE. Refer to the IDE device user's manual. Installing two IDE devices on one cable, ensure that one device is set to MASTER and the other device is set to SLAVE. The documentation of your IDE device explains how to do this.

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## About SATA Connectors

Your motherboard features two SATA connectors supporting a total of two drives. SATA refers to Serial ATA (Advanced Technology Attachment) is the standard interface for the IDE hard drives which are currently used in most PCs. These connectors are well designed and will only fit in one orientation. Locate the SATA connectors on the motherboard (see page 21) and follow the illustration below to install the SATA hard drives.

## Installing Serial ATA Hard Drives

To install the Serial ATA (SATA) hard drives, use the SATA cable that supports the Serial ATA protocol. This SATA cable comes with an SATA power cable. You can connect either end of the SATA cable to the SATA hard drive or the connector on the motherboard.



SATA cable (optional)



SATA power cable (optional)

Refer to the illustration below for proper installation:

- 1 Attach either cable end to the connector on the motherboard.
- 2 Attach the other cable end to the SATA hard drive.
- 3 Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA hard drive and connect the other end to the power supply.



*This motherboard does not support the "Hot-Plug" function.*

## Installing the Motherboard

## Installing a Floppy Diskette Drive

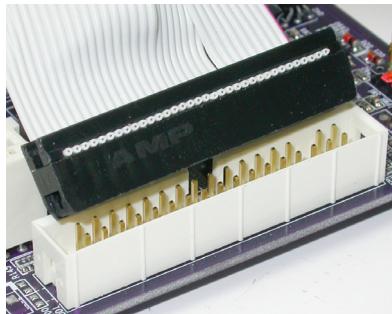
The motherboard has a floppy diskette drive (FDD1) interface and ships with a diskette drive ribbon cable that supports one or two floppy diskette drives. You can install a 5.25-inch drive and a 3.5-inch drive with various capacities. The floppy diskette drive cable has one type of connector for a 5.25-inch drive and another type of connector for a 3.5-inch drive.



*You must orient the cable connector so that the pin 1 (color) edge of the cable corresponds to the pin 1 of the I/O port connector.*

### FDD1: Floppy Disk Connector

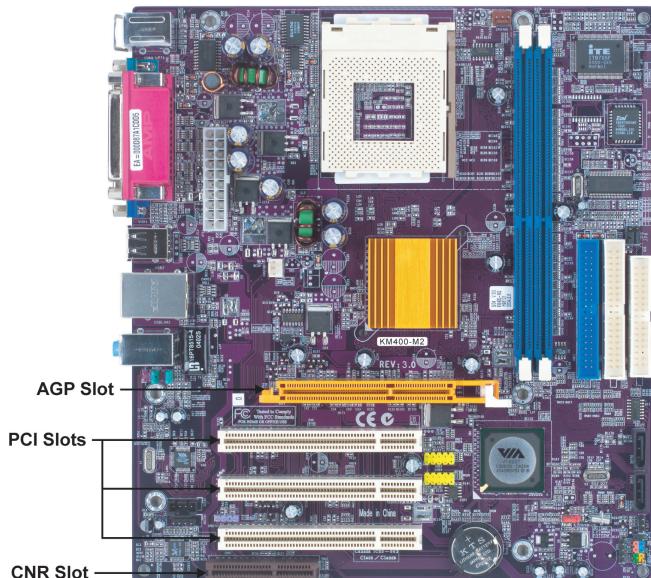
This connector supports the provided floppy drive ribbon cable. After connecting the single end to the onboard floppy connector, connect the remaining plugs on the other end to the floppy drives correspondingly.



## Installing the Motherboard

## Installing Add-on Cards

The slots on this motherboard are designed to hold expansion cards and connect them to the system bus. Expansion slots are a means of adding or enhancing the motherboard's features and capabilities. With these efficient facilities, you can increase the motherboard's capabilities by adding hardware that performs tasks that are not part of the basic system.



- AGP Slot** The AGP slot is used to install a graphics adapter that supports the 8X/4X AGP specification. It is AGP 3.0 compliant.
- PCI Slots** This motherboard is equipped with three standard PCI slots. PCI stands for Peripheral Component Interconnect and is a bus standard for expansion cards, which for the most part, is a supplement of the older ISA bus standard. The PCI slots on this board are PCI v2.2 compliant.
- CNR Slot** This slot is used to insert CNR cards with Modem and Audio functionality.



*Before installing an add-on card, check the documentation for the card carefully. If the card is not Plug and Play, you may have to manually configure the card before installation.*

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Follow these instructions to install an add-on card:

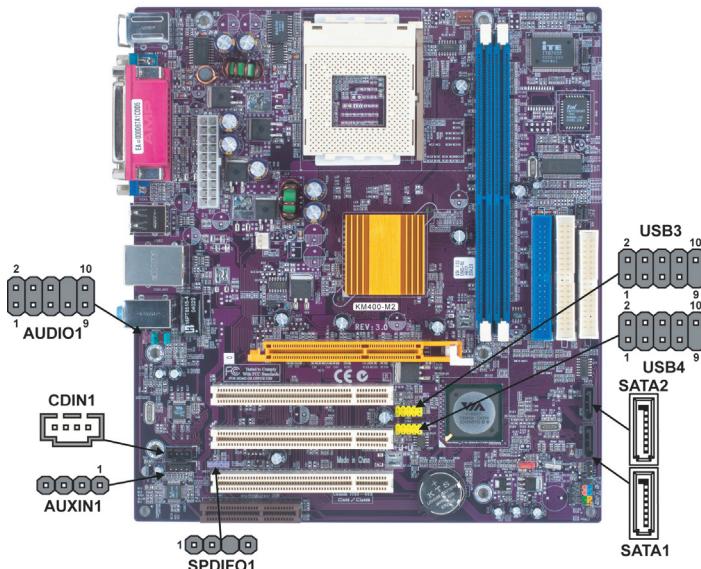
- 1 Remove a blanking plate from the system case corresponding to the slot you are going to use.
- 2 Install the edge connector of the add-on card into the expansion slot. Ensure that the edge connector is correctly seated in the slot.
- 3 Secure the metal bracket of the card to the system case with a screw.



*For some add-on cards, for example graphics adapters and network adapters, you have to install drivers and software before you can begin using the add-on card.*

### **Connecting Optional Devices**

Refer to the following for information on connecting the motherboard's optional devices:



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## SATA1/SATA2: Serial ATA connectors

These connectors are used to support the new Serial ATA devices for the highest data transfer rates (150 MB/s), simpler disk drive cabling and easier PC assembly. It eliminates limitations of the current Parallel ATA interface. But maintains register compatibility and software compatibility with Parallel ATA.

Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
1	Ground	2	TX+
3	TX-	4	Ground
5	RX-	6	RX+
7	Ground	-	-

## USB3/USB4: Front Panel USB headers

The motherboard has four USB ports installed on the rear edge I/O port array. Additionally, some computer cases have USB ports at the front of the case. If you have this kind of case, use auxiliary USB connectors to connect the front-mounted ports to the motherboard.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	USBPWR	Front Panel USB Power
2	USBPWR	Front Panel USB Power
3	USB_FP_P0-	USB Port 0 Negative Signal
4	USB_FP_P1-	USB Port 1 Negative Signal
5	USB_FP_P0+	USB Port 0 Positive Signal
6	USB_FP_P1+	USB Port 1 Positive Signal
7	GND	Ground
8	GND	Ground
9	Key	No pin
10	USB_FP_OC0	Overcurrent signal



*Please make sure that the USB cable has the same pin assignment as indicated above. A different pin assignment may cause damage or system hang-up.*

## SPDIFO1: SPDIF out header

This is an optional header that provides an S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) output to digital multimedia device through optical fiber or coaxial connector.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	SPDIF	SPDIF digital output
2	+5VA	5V analog Power
3	Key	No pin
4	GND	Ground

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## AUDIO1: Front Panel Audio header

This header allows the user to install auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out ports for easier access.

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	AUD_MIC	Front Panel Microphone input signal
2	AUD_GND	Ground used by Analog Audio Circuits
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	Microphone Power
4	AUD_VCC	Filtered +5V used by Analog Audio Circuits
5	AUD_F_R	Right Channel audio signal to Front Panel
6	AUD_RET_R	Right Channel Audio signal to Return from Front Panel
7	REVD	Reserved
8	Key	No Pin
9	AUD_F_L	Left Channel Audio signal to Front Panel
10	AUD_RET_L	Left Channel Audio signal to Return from Front Panel

## AUXIN1: Auxiliary In header

This connector is an additional line-in audio connector. It allows you to attach a line-in cable when your rear line-in jack is set as line out port for 4-channel function.

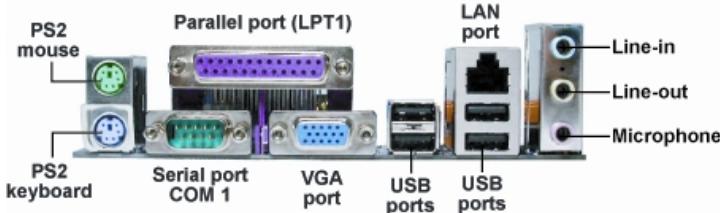
Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	AUX_L	AXU In left channel
2	GND	Ground
3	GND	Ground
4	AUX_R	AXU In right channel

## CDIN1: Analog Audio Input connector

Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	CD in_L	CD In left channel
2	GND	Ground
3	GND	Ground
4	CD in_R	CD In right channel

## Connecting I/O Devices

The backplane of the motherboard has the following I/O ports:



<b>PS2 Mouse</b>	Use the upper PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 pointing device.
<b>PS2 Keyboard</b>	Use the lower PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 keyboard.
<b>Parallel Port (LPT1)</b>	Use LPT1 to connect printers or other parallel communications devices.
<b>Serial Ports(COM1)</b>	Use the COM1 port to connect serial devices such as mice or fax/modems.
<b>VGA Port</b>	Connect your monitor to the VGA port
<b>LAN Port (optional)</b>	Connect an RJ-45 jack to the LAN port to connect your computer to the Network.
<b>USB Ports</b>	Use the USB ports to connect USB devices.
<b>Audio Ports</b>	Use the three audio ports to connect audio devices. The first jack is for stereo line-in signal. The second jack is for stereo line-out signal. The third jack is for microphone.

This concludes Chapter 2. The next chapter covers the BIOS.

## Chapter 3

### Using BIOS

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#### About the Setup Utility

The computer uses the latest Award BIOS with support for Windows Plug and Play. The CMOS chip on the motherboard contains the ROM setup instructions for configuring the motherboard BIOS.

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup Utility displays the system's configuration status and provides you with options to set system parameters. The parameters are stored in battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values you stored in CMOS.

The BIOS Setup Utility enables you to configure:

- Hard drives, diskette drives and peripherals
- Video display type and display options
- Password protection from unauthorized use
- Power Management features

The settings made in the Setup Utility affect how the computer performs. Before using the Setup Utility, ensure that you understand the Setup Utility options.

This chapter provides explanations for Setup Utility options.

#### ***The Standard Configuration***

A standard configuration has already been set in the Setup Utility. However, we recommend that you read this chapter in case you need to make any changes in the future.

This Setup Utility should be used:

- when changing the system configuration
- when a configuration error is detected and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup Utility
- when trying to resolve IRQ conflicts
- when making changes to the Power Management configuration
- when changing the password or making other changes to the Security Setup

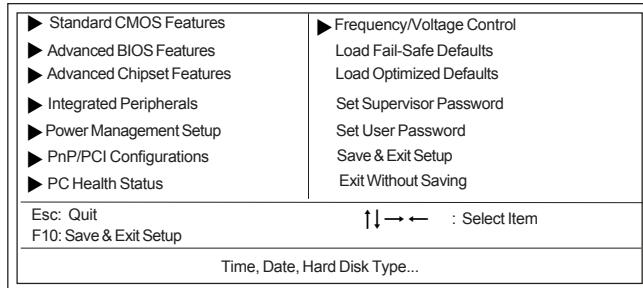
#### ***Entering the Setup Utility***

When you power on the system, BIOS enters the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. POST is a series of built-in diagnostics performed by the BIOS. After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

### **Press DEL to enter SETUP**

Pressing the delete key accesses the BIOS Setup Utility:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility:



### ***BIOS Navigation Keys***

The BIOS navigation keys are listed below:

KEY	FUNCTION
<b>ESC</b>	Exits the current menu
<b>←↑→</b>	Scrolls through the items on a menu
<b>+/-PU/PD</b>	Modifies the selected field's values
<b>F10</b>	Saves the current configuration and exits setup
<b>F1</b>	Displays a screen that describes all key functions
<b>F5</b>	Loads previously saved values to CMOS
<b>F6</b>	Loads a minimum configuration for troubleshooting
<b>F7</b>	Loads an optimum set of values for peak performance

## ***Updating the BIOS***

You can download and install updated BIOS for this motherboard from the manufacturer's Web site. New BIOS provides support for new peripherals, improvements in performance, or fixes for known bugs. Install new BIOS as follows:

- 1 If your motherboard has a BIOS protection jumper, change the setting to allow BIOS flashing.
- 2 If your motherboard has an item called Firmware Write Protect in Advanced BIOS features, disable it. (Firmware Write Protect prevents BIOS from being overwritten.)
- 3 Create a bootable system disk. (Refer to Windows online help for information on creating a bootable system disk.)
- 4 Download the Flash Utility and new BIOS file from the manufacturer's Web site. Copy these files to the system diskette you created in Step 3.
- 5 Turn off your computer and insert the system diskette in your computer's diskette drive. (You might need to run the Setup Utility and change the boot priority items on the Advanced BIOS Features Setup page, to force your computer to boot from the floppy diskette drive first.)
- 6 At the A:\ prompt, type the Flash Utility program name and press <Enter>.
- 7 Type the filename of the new BIOS in the "File Name to Program" text box. Follow the onscreen directions to update the motherboard BIOS.
- 8 When the installation is complete, remove the floppy diskette from the diskette drive and restart your computer. If your motherboard has a Flash BIOS jumper, reset the jumper to protect the newly installed BIOS from being overwritten.

## **Using BIOS**

When you start the Setup Utility, the main menu appears. The main menu of the Setup Utility displays a list of the options that are available. A highlight indicates which option is currently selected. Use the cursor arrow keys to move the highlight to other options. When an option is highlighted, execute the option by pressing <Enter>.

Some options lead to pop-up dialog boxes that prompt you to verify that you wish to execute that option. Other options lead to dialog boxes that prompt you for information.

Some options (marked with a triangle ►) lead to submenus that enable you to change the values for the option. Use the cursor arrow keys to scroll through the items in the submenu.

In this manual, default values are enclosed in parenthesis. Submenu items are denoted by a triangle ►.

## **Standard CMOS Features**

This option displays basic information about your system.

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility Standard CMOS Features		
Date (mm:dd:yy)	Mon, Nov 17 2003	Item Help
Time (hh:mm:ss)	13 : 4 : 54	
► IDE Primary Master		Menu Level ►
► IDE Primary Slave		
► IDE Secondary Master		
► IDE Secondary Slave		
Drive A	[1.44M, 3.5 in.]	
Drive B	[None]	
Floppy 3 Mode Support	[Disabled]	
Video	[EGA/VGA]	
Halt On	[All, But Keyboard]	
Base Memory	640K	
Extended Memory	65535K	
Total Memory	1024K	

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F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

### **Date and Time**

The Date and Time items show the current date and time on the computer. If you are running a Windows OS, these items are automatically updated whenever you make changes to the Windows Date and Time Properties utility.

#### **► IDE Devices (None)**

Your computer has two IDE channels (Primary and Secondary) and each channel can be installed with one or two devices (Master and Slave). Use these items to configure each device on the IDE channel.

Press <Enter> to display the IDE submenu:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility IDE Channel 1 Slave		
IDE HDD Auto-Detection	[Press Enter]	Item Help
IDE Channel 1 Slave	[Auto]	
Access Mode	[Auto]	
Capacity	0 MB	
Cylinder	0	
Head	0	
Precomp	0	
Landing Zone	0	
Sector	0	

↓ → ← : Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1: General Help  
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

#### **IDE HDD Auto-Detection**

Press <Enter> while this item is highlighted to prompt the Setup Utility to automatically detect and configure an IDE device on the IDE channel.



*If you are setting up a new hard disk drive that supports LBA mode, more than one line will appear in the parameter box. Choose the line that lists LBA for an LBA drive.*

### **IDE Primary/Secondary Master/Slave (Auto)**

Leave this item at Auto to enable the system to automatically detect and configure IDE devices on the channel. If it fails to find a device, change the value to Manual and then manually configure the drive by entering the characteristics of the drive in the items described below.

Refer to your drive's documentation or look on the drive casing if you need to obtain this information. If no device is installed, change the value to None.



*Before attempting to configure a hard disk drive, ensure that you have the configuration information supplied by the manufacturer of your hard drive. Incorrect settings can result in your system not recognizing the installed hard disk.*

### **Access Mode (Auto)**

This item defines ways that can be used to access IDE hard disks such as LBA (Large Block Addressing). Leave this value at Auto and the system will automatically decide the fastest way to access the hard disk drive.

Press <Esc> to return to the Standard CMOS Features page.

### **Drive A/Drive B (1.44M, 3.5 in./None)**

These items define the characteristics of any diskette drive attached to the system. You can connect one or two diskette drives.

### **Floppy 3 Mode Support (Disabled)**

Floppy 3 mode refers to a 3.5-inch diskette with a capacity of 1.2 MB. Floppy 3 mode is sometimes used in Japan.

### **Video (EGA/VGA)**

This item defines the video mode of the system. This motherboard has a built-in VGA graphics system; you must leave this item at the default value.

### **Halt On (All, But Keyboard)**

This item defines the operation of the system POST (Power On Self Test) routine. You can use this item to select which types of errors in the POST are sufficient to halt the system.

### **Base Memory, Extended Memory, and Total Memory**

These items are automatically detected by the system at start up time. These are display-only fields. You cannot make changes to these fields.

## Advanced BIOS Features

This option defines advanced information about your system.

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Advanced BIOS Features

		Item Help
ATA 66/100 IDE Cable Msg.	[Enabled]	
Quick Power On Self Test	[Enabled]	
First Boot Device	[Floppy]	
Second Boot Device	[HDD-0]	
Third Boot Device	[CDROM]	
Boot Other Device	[Enabled]	
Swap Floppy Drive	[Disabled]	
Boot Up Floppy Seek	[Disabled]	
Boot Up NumLock Status	[On]	
Gate A20 Option	[Fast]	
Typematic Rate Setting	[Disabled]	
X Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	6	
X Typematic Delay (Msec)	250	
Security Option	[Setup]	
APIC Mode	[Enabled]	
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	[Non-OS2]	
HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability	[Disabled]	
Video BIOS Shadow	[Enabled]	
Small Logo (EPA) Show	[Disabled]	

↑↓←→ : Move Enter: Select +/-PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1: General Help  
F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

### ATA 66/100 IDE Cable Msg. (Enabled)

This item enables or disables the display of the ATA 66/100 Cable MSG.

### Quick Power On Self Test (Enabled)

Enable this item to shorten the power on testing (POST) and have your system start up faster. You might like to enable this item after you are confident that your system hardware is operating smoothly.

### First/Second/Third Boot Device (Floppy/HDD-0/CDROM)

Use these three items to select the priority and order of the devices that your system searches for an operating system at start-up time.

### Boot Other Device (Enabled)

When enabled, the system searches all other possible locations for an operating system if it fails to find one in the devices specified under the First, Second, and Third boot devices.

### Swap Floppy Drive (Disabled)

If you have two floppy diskette drives in your system, this item allows you to swap the assigned drive letters so that drive A becomes drive B, and drive B becomes drive A.

### Boot Up Floppy Seek (Disabled)

If this item is enabled, it checks the size of the floppy disk drives at start-up time. You don't need to enable this item unless you have a legacy diskette drive with 360K capacity.

### Boot Up NumLock Status (On)

This item defines if the keyboard Num Lock key is active when your system is started.

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### **Gate A20 Option (Fast)**

This item defines how the system handles legacy software that was written for an earlier generation of processors. Leave this item at the default value.

### **Typematic Rate Setting (Disabled)**

If this item is enabled, you can use the following two items to set the typematic rate and the typematic delay settings for your keyboard.

- **Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec):** Use this item to define how many characters per second are generated by a held-down key.
- **Typematic Delay (Msec):** Use this item to define how many milliseconds must elapse before a held-down key begins generating repeat characters.

### **Security Option (Setup)**

If you have installed password protection, this item defines if the password is required at system start up, or if it is only required when a user tries to enter the Setup Utility.

### **APIC Mode (Enabled)**

This item allows you to enable or disable the APIC (Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller) mode. APIC provides symmetric multi-processing (SMP) for systems, allowing support for up to 60 processors.

### **OS Select For DRAM > 64 MB (Non-OS2)**

This item is only required if you have installed more than 64 MB of memory and you are running the OS/2 operating system. Otherwise, leave this item at the default.

### **HDD S.M.A.R.T Capability (Disabled)**

The S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) system is a diagnostics technology that monitors and predicts device performance. S.M.A.R.T. software resides on both the disk drive and the host computer.

### **Video BIOS Shadow (Enabled)**

This item determines whether the BIOS will be copied to RAM for faster execution.

### **Small Logo (EPA) Show (Disabled)**

Enables or disables the display of the EPA logo during boot.

## Advanced Chipset Features

These items define critical timing parameters of the motherboard. You should leave the items on this page at their default values unless you are very familiar with the technical specifications of your system hardware. If you change the values incorrectly, you may introduce fatal errors or recurring instability into your system.

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility  
Advanced Chipset Feature

► DRAM Clock/Timing Control	[Press Enter]	Item Help
► AGP & P2P Bridge Control	[Press Enter]	
System BIOS Cacheable	[Disabled]	
Video RAM Cacheable	[Disabled]	

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F5:Previous Values    F6:Fail-Safe Defaults    F7:Optimized Defaults

### ►DRAM Clock/Timing Control (Press Enter)

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility  
DRAM Clock/Drive Control

Current FSB Frequency	[By SPD]	Item Help
Current DRAM Frequency	[Auto By SPD]	
DRAM Clock	2.5	
DRAM Timing	Disabled	
X DRAM CAS Latency	2T	
X Bank Interleave	2T	
X Precharge to Active (Trp)	2T	
X Active to Precharge(Tras)	2T	
X Active to CMD(Trcd)	[4]	
DRAM Burst Length	[2T Command]	
DRAM Command Rate		

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F5:Previous Values    F6:Fail-Safe Defaults    F7:Optimized Defaults

#### Current FSB Frequency

This item displays the frontside bus (FSB) frequency. This is a display-only item. You cannot make changes to this field.

#### Current DRAM Frequency

This item displays the memory (DRAM) frequency. This is a display-only item. You cannot make changes to this field.

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### **DRAM Clock (By SPD)**

This item enables you to manually set the DRAM Clock. We recommend that you leave this item at the default value.

### **DRAM Timing (Auto By SPD)**

Set this to the default value to enable the system to automatically set the SDRAM timing by SPD (Serial Presence Detect). SPD is an EEPROM chip on the DIMM module that stores information about the memory chips it contains, including size, speed, voltage, row and column addresses, and manufacturer. If you disable this item, you can use the following three items to manually set the timing parameters for the system memory.

- **DRAM CAS Latency (2.5):** Enables you to select the CAS latency time in HCLKs of 2/2 or 3/3. The value is set at the factory depending on the DRAM installed. Do not change the values in this field unless you change specifications of the installed DRAM or the installed CPU.
- **Bank Interleave (Disabled):** Enable this item to increase memory speed. When enabled, separate memory banks are set for odd and even addresses and the next byte of memory can be accessed while the current byte is being refreshed.
- **Precharge to Active (3T):** This item is used to designate the minimum Row Precharge time of the SDRAM devices on the module.

DRAM must continually be refreshed or it will lose its data. Normally, DRAM is refreshed entirely as the result of a single request. This option allows you to determine the number of CPU clocks allocated for the Row Address Strobe (RAS) to accumulate its charge before the DRAM is refreshed. If insufficient time is allowed, refresh may be incomplete and data lost.

- **Active to Precharge(Tras)(7T):** This item specifies the number of clock cycles needed after a bank active command before a precharge occur.
- **Active to CMD (3T):** This item specifies the minimum required delay between activation of different rows.

### **DRAM Burst Length(4)**

This item describes which burst lengths are supported by the devices on the motherboard. 1 level can provide faster performance but may result in instability whereas 8 level gives the most stable but slowest performance.

### **DRAM Command Rate (2T Command)**

This item enables you to specify the waiting time for the CPU to issue the next command after issuing the command to the DDR memory. We recommend that you leave this item at the default value.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Chipset Features page.

## ► AGP & P2P Bridge Control (Press Enter)

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility  
AGP & P2P Bridge Control

AGP Aperture Size	[128M]	Item Help
AGP Mode	[4X]	
AGP Driving Control	[Auto]	
X AGP Driving Value	DA	
AGP Fast Write	[Disabled]	
AGP Master 1 WS Write	[Disabled]	
AGP Master 1 WS Read	[Disabled]	
AGP 3.0 Calibration Cycle	[Enabled]	
VGA Share Memory Size	[32M]	

↓→ :Move    Enter:Select    +/-PU/PD:Value    F10:Save    ESC:Exit F1:General Help  
F5:Previous Values    F6:Fail-Safe Defaults    F7:Optimized Defaults

### AGP Aperture Size(128M)

This setting controls just how much system RAM can be allocated to AGP for video purposes. The aperture is a portion of the PCI memory address range dedicated to graphics memory address space. Host cycles that hit the aperture range are forwarded to the AGP without any translation.

### AGP Mode (4X)

Set this option to enable if you want the AGP bus to make use of the AGP 4X transfer protocol to boost the AGP bus bandwidth. If it is set to disabled, then the AGP bus is only allowed to use the AGP 1X or AGP 2X transfer protocol.

### AGP Driving Control (Auto)

This item is used to signal driving current on AGP cards to auto or manual. Some AGP cards need stronger than normal driving current in order to operate. We recommend that you set this item to the default.

- **AGP Driving Value:** When AGP Driving Control is set to Manual, use this item to set the AGP current driving value.

### AGP Fast Write (Disabled)

This item lets you enable or disable the caching of display data for the video memory of the processor. Enabling this item can greatly improve the display speed. Disable this item if your graphics display card does not support this feature.

### AGP Master 1 WS Write (Disabled)

This implements a single delay when writing to the AGP Bus. By default, two-wait states are used by the system, providing greater stability.

### AGP Master 1 WS Read (Disabled)

This implements a single delay when reading to the AGP Bus. By default, two-wait states are used by the system, allowing for greater stability.

### AGP 3.0 Calibration Cycle (Enabled)

This item is used to implement dynamic compensation to recalibrate the AGP bus over time for AGP 3.0 compatible chipset.

### **VGA Share Memory Size (32M)**

This item allows you to select the shared memory size for VGA usage.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Chipset Features screen.

### **System BIOS Cacheable (Disabled)**

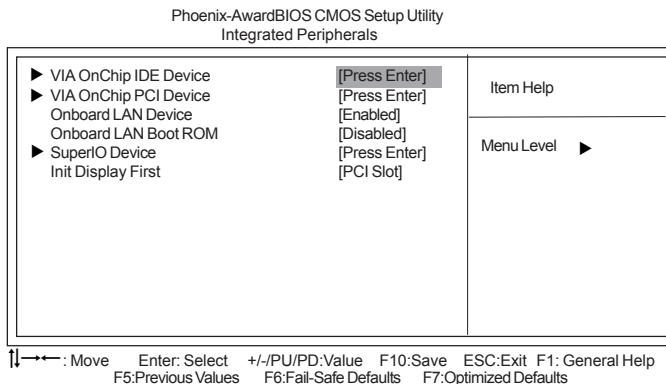
When this item is enabled, the System BIOS will be cached for faster execution.

### **Video RAM Cacheable (Disabled)**

When this is enabled, the Video RAM will be cached resulting to better performance. However, if any program was written to this memory area, this may result to system error.

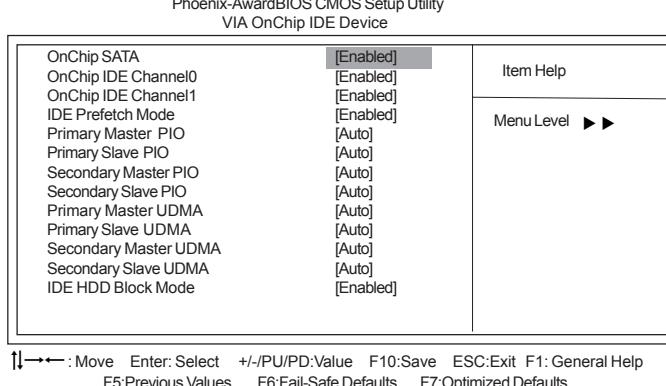
## ***Integrated Peripherals***

These options display items that define the operation of peripheral components on the system's input/output ports.



### **►VIA OnChip IDE Device (Press Enter)**

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



### **OnChip SATA (Enabled)**

This option allows you enable or disable the onboard Serial ATA device.

### **On-Chip IDE Channel 0/1 (Enabled)**

Use these items to enable or disable the PCI IDE channels that are integrated on the motherboard.

### **IDE Prefetch Mode (Enabled)**

The onboard IDE drive interfaces supports IDE prefetching, for faster drive access. If you install a primary and secondary add-in IDE interface, set this field to Disabled if the interface does not support prefetching.

### **Primary/Secondary Master/Slave PIO (Auto)**

Each IDE channel supports a master device and a slave device. These four items let you assign which kind of PIO (Programmed Input/Output) is used by IDE devices. Choose Auto to let the system auto detect which PIO mode is best, or select a PIO mode from 0-4.

### **Primary/Secondary Master/Slave UDMA (Auto)**

Each IDE channel supports a master device and a slave device. This motherboard supports UltraDMA technology, which provides faster access to IDE devices.

If you install a device that supports UltraDMA, change the appropriate item on this list to Auto. You may have to install the UltraDMA driver supplied with this motherboard in order to use an UltraDMA device.

### **IDE HDD Block Mode (Enabled)**

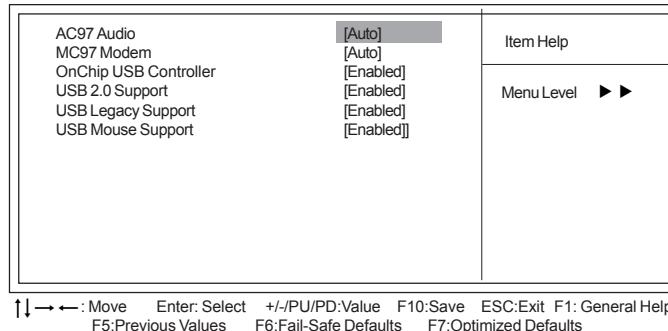
Enable this field if your IDE hard drive supports block mode. Block mode enables BIOS to automatically detect the optimal number of block read and writes per sector that the drive can support and improves the speed of access to IDE devices.

Press <Esc> to return to the Integrated Peripherals screen.

## **►VIA OnChip PCI Device (Press Enter)**

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility  
VIA OnChip PCI Device



### **AC97 Audio (Auto)**

Enables and disables the onboard audio chip. Disable this item if you are going to install a PCI audio add-in card.

**MC97 Modem (Auto)**

Enables and disables the onboard modem. Disable this item if you are going to install an external modem.

**OnChip USB Controller (Enabled)**

Enable this item if you plan to use the Universal Serial Bus ports on this mainboard.

**USB 2.0 Support (Enabled)**

Enable this item if want to use the USB 2.0.

**USB Legacy Support (Enabled)**

This item allows the BIOS to interact with a USB keyboard or mouse to work with MS-DOS based utilities and non-Windows modes.

**USB Mouse Support (Enabled)**

Enable this item if you plan to use a mouse connected through the USB port in a legacy operating system (such as DOS) that does not support Plug and Play.

Press <Esc> to return to the Integrated Peripherals screen.

**Onboard LAN Device (Enabled)**

Enables and disables the onboard LAN chip.

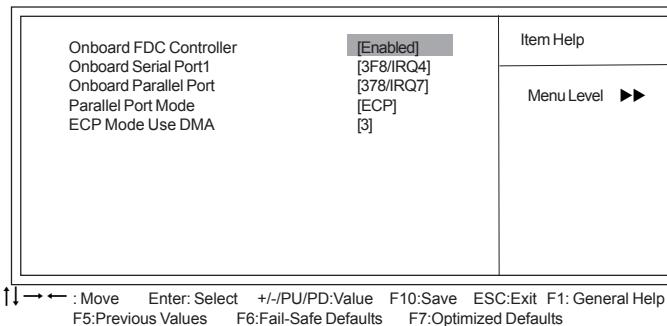
**Onboard LAN Boot ROM (Disabled)**

Use this item to enable and disable the booting from the onboard LAN or a network add-in card with a remote boot ROM installed.

**►SuperIO Device (Press Enter)**

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility  
SuperIO Device

**Onboard FDC Controller (Enabled)**

Select Enabled if your system has a floppy disk controller (FDC) installed on the system board and you wish to use it. If you install an add-in FDC or the system has no floppy drive, select Disabled in this field.

**Onboard Serial Port1 (3F8/IRQ4)**

This option is used to assign the I/O address and interrupt request (IRQ) for onboard serial port1 (COM1).

### **Onboard Parallel Port (378/IRQ7)**

This option is used to assign the I/O address and interrupt request (IRQ) for the onboard parallel port.

### **Parallel Port Mode (ECP)**

Enables you to set the data transfer protocol for your parallel port. There are four options: SPP (Standard Parallel Port), EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port), ECP (Extended Capabilities Port), and ECP+EPP.

SPP allows data output only. Extended Capabilities Port (ECP) and Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) are bi-directional modes, allowing both data input and output. ECP and EPP modes are only supported with EPP- and ECP-aware peripherals.

### **ECP Mode Use DMA (3)**

When the onboard parallel port is set to ECP mode, the parallel port can use DMA3 or DMA1.

Press <Esc> to return to the Integrated Peripherals screen.

### **Init Display First (PCI Slot)**

Use this item to specify whether your graphics adapter is installed in one of the PCI slots or is integrated on the motherboard.

### **Power Management Setup**

This option lets you control system power management. The system has various power-saving modes including powering down the hard disk, turning off the video, suspending to RAM, and software power down that allows the system to be automatically resumed by certain events.

The power-saving modes can be controlled by timeouts. If the system is inactive for a time, the timeouts begin counting. If the inactivity continues so that the timeout period elapses, the system enters a power-saving mode. If any item in the list of Reload Global Timer Events is Enabled, then any activity on that item will reset the timeout counters to zero.

If the system is suspended or has been powered down by software, it can be resumed by a wake up call that is generated by incoming traffic to a modem, a LAN card, a PCI card, or a fixed alarm on the system realtime clock

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Power Management Setup

Power Management Option	[User Define] [Disabled] [Disabled] [Susp, Stby->Off] [DPMS Support] [3] [Instant-Off] [Off] [Press Enter]	Item Help
		Menu Level ►
► IRQ/Event Activity Detect		

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F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

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### **Power Management Option (User Define)**

This item acts like a master switch for the power-saving modes and hard disk timeouts. If this item is set to Max Saving, power-saving modes occur after a short timeout. If this item is set to Min Saving, power-saving modes occur after a longer timeout. If the item is set to User Define, you can insert your own timeouts for the power-saving modes.

### **HDD Power Down (Disabled)**

The IDE hard drive will spin down if it is not accessed within a specified length of time. Options are from 1 Min to 15 Min and Disable.

### **Suspend Mode (Disabled)**

The CPU clock will be stopped and the video signal will be suspended if no Power Management events occur for a specified length of time. Full power function will return when a Power Management event is detected. Options are from 1 Min to 1 Hour and Disable.

### **Video Off Option (Susp -->Off)**

This option defines if the video is powered down when the system is put into suspend mode.

### **Video Off Method (DPMS Support)**

This item defines how the video is powered down to save power. This item is set to DPMS (Display Power Management Software) by default.

### **MODEM Use IRQ (3)**

If you want an incoming call on a modem to automatically resume the system from a power-saving mode, use this item to specify the interrupt request line (IRQ) that is used by the modem. You might have to connect the fax/modem to the motherboard Wake On Modem connector for this feature to work.

### **Soft-Off by PWRBTN (Instant-Off)**

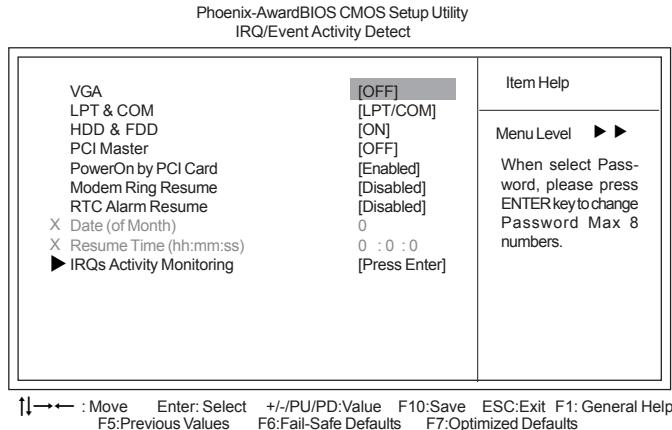
Under ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power management Interface) you can create a software power down. In a software power down, the system can be resumed by Wake Up Alarms. This item lets you install a software power down that is controlled by the power button on your system. If the item is set to Instant-Off, then the power button causes a software power down. If the item is set to Delay 4 Sec. then you have to hold the power button down for four seconds to cause a software power down.

### **PWRON After PWR-Fail (Off)**

This item enables your computer to automatically restart to its last operating status after power returns from a power failure.

## ►IRQ/Event Activity Detect (Press Enter)

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



### VGA (OFF)

When set to On, the system power will resume the system from a power saving mode if there is any VGA activity.

### LPT & COM (LPT/COM)

When this item is enabled, the system will restart the power-saving timeout counters when any activity is detected on the serial ports, or the parallel port.

### HDD & FDD (ON)

When this item is enabled, the system will restart the power-saving timeout counters when any activity is detected on the hard disk drive or the floppy diskette drive.

### PCI Master (OFF)

When set to Off, any PCI device set as the Master will not power on the system.

### PowerOn by PCI Card (Enabled)

Use this item to enable PCI activity to wakeup the system from a power saving mode.

### Modem Ring Resume (Disabled)

Use this item to enable modem activity to wakeup the system from a power saving mode.

### RTC Alarm Resume (Disabled)

When set to Enabled, additional fields become available and you can set the date (day of the month), hour, minute and second to turn on your system. When set to 0 (zero) for the day of the month, the alarm will power on your system every day at the specified time.

## ► IRQs Activity Monitoring (Press Enter)

This screen enables you to set IRQs that will resume the system from a power saving mode.

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility IRQs Activity Monitoring		
Primary INTR	[ON]	Item Help
IRQ3 (COM2)	[Enabled]	
IRQ4 (COM1)	[Enabled]	
IRQ5 (LPT2)	[Enabled]	
IRQ6 (Floppy Disk)	[Enabled]	
IRQ7 (LPT 1)	[Enabled]	
IRQ8 (RTC Alarm)	[Disabled]	
IRQ9 (IRQ2 Redir)	[Disabled]	
IRQ10 (Reserved)	[Disabled]	
IRQ11 (Reserved)	[Disabled]	
IRQ12 (PS/2 Mouse)	[Enabled]	
IRQ13 (Coprocessor)	[Enabled]	
IRQ14 (Hard Disk)	[Enabled]	
IRQ15 (Reserved)	[Disabled]	

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 F5:Previous Values    F6:Fail-Safe Defaults    F7:Optimized Defaults

Set any IRQ to Enabled to allow activity at the IRQ to wake up the system from a power saving mode.

Press <Esc> to return to the Power Management Setup page.

## PnP/PCI Configurations

These options configure how PnP (Plug and Play) and PCI expansion cards operate in your system. Both the ISA and PCI buses on the motherboard use system IRQs (Interrupt ReQuests) and DMAs (Direct Memory Access). You must set up the IRQ and DMA assignments correctly through the PnP/PCI Configurations Setup utility for the motherboard to work properly. Selecting PnP/PCI Configurations on the main program screen displays this menu:

Phoenix-AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility PnP/PCI Configurations	
Reset Configuration Data	[Disabled]
Resources Controlled by	[Auto (ESCD)]
x IRQ Resources	Press Enter
PCI/VGA Palette Snoop	[Disabled]
Assign IRQ For USB	[Enabled]
	Item Help
	Menu Level ►
	Default is Disabled. Select Enabled to reset Extended System Configuration Data (ESCD) when you exit Setup if you have installed a new add-on and the system reconfiguration has caused such a serious conflict that the OS cannot boot

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### Reset Configuration Data (Disabled)

If you enable this item and restart the system, any Plug and Play configuration data stored in the BIOS Setup is cleared from memory.

## **Resources Controlled By (Auto(ESCD))**

You should leave this item at the default Auto(ESCD). Under this setting, the system dynamically allocates resources to Plug and Play devices as they are required.

If you cannot get a legacy ISA (Industry Standard Architecture) expansion card to work properly, you might be able to solve the problem by changing this item to Manual, and then opening up the IRQ Resources submenu.

- **IRQ Resources [Press Enter]:** In the IRQ Resources submenu, if you assign an IRQ to Legacy ISA, then that Interrupt Request Line is reserved for a legacy ISA expansion card. Press <Esc> to close the IRQ Resources submenu.

## **PCI/VGA Palette Snoop (Disabled)**

This item is designed to overcome problems that can be caused by some non-standard VGA cards. This board includes a built-in VGA system that does not require palette snooping so you must leave this item disabled.

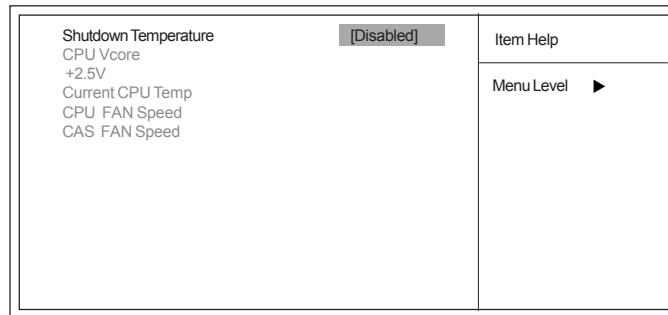
## **Assign IRQ For USB (Enabled)**

Names the interrupt request (IRQ) line assigned to the USB (if any) on your system. Activity of the selected IRQ always awakens the system.

## **PC Health Status**

On motherboards that support hardware monitoring, this item lets you monitor the parameters for critical voltages, critical temperatures, and fan speeds.

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PC Health Status



### **Shutdown Temperature (Disabled)**

Enables you to set the maximum temperature the system can reach before powering down.

## **System Component Characteristics**

These items allow end users and technicians to monitor data provided by the BIOS on this motherboard. You cannot make changes to these fields.

- CPU Vcore
- CurrentCPU Temp
- CPU FAN Speed
- CAS FAN Speed

## ***Frequency/Voltage Control***

This item enables you to set the clock speed and system bus for your system. The clock speed and system bus are determined by the kind of processor you have installed in your system.

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Frequency/Voltage Control

Auto Detect PCI/DIMM Clk Spread Spectrum CPU Clock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Enabled] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Enabled] <input type="checkbox"/> [100MHz]	<a href="#">Item Help</a>  <a href="#">Menu Level ▶</a>
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F5:Previous Values F6:Fail-Safe Defaults F7:Optimized Defaults

### **Auto Detect PCI/DIMM Clk (Enabled)**

When this item is enabled, BIOS will disable the clock signal of free DIMM and PCI slots.

### **Spread Spectrum (Enabled)**

If you enable spread spectrum, it can significantly reduce the EMI (Electro-Magnetic Interference) generated by the system.

### **CPU Clock (100MHz)**

Use the CPU Host Clock to set the frontside bus frequency for the installed processor (usually 200MHz, 133 MHz or 100MHz).

## ***Load Fail-Safe Defaults Option***

This option opens a dialog box that lets you install fail-safe defaults for all appropriate items in the Setup Utility:

Press <Y> and then <Enter> to install the defaults. Press <N> and then <Enter> to not install the defaults. The fail-safe defaults place no great demands on the system and are generally stable. If your system is not functioning correctly, try installing the fail-safe defaults as a first step in getting your system working properly again. If you only want to install fail-safe defaults for a specific option, select and display that option, and then press <F6>.

## ***Load Optimized Defaults Option***

This option opens a dialog box that lets you install optimized defaults for all appropriate items in the Setup Utility. Press <Y> and then <Enter> to install the defaults. Press <N> and then <Enter> to not install the defaults. The optimized defaults place demands on the system that may be greater than the performance level of the components, such as the CPU and the memory. You can cause fatal errors or instability if you install the optimized defaults when your hardware does not support them. If you only want to install setup defaults for a specific option, select and display that option, and then press <F7>.

## ***Set Password***

When this function is selected, the following message appears at the center of the screen to assist you in creating a password.

### **ENTER PASSWORD**

Type the password, up to eight characters, and press <Enter>. The password typed now will clear any previously entered password from CMOS memory. You will be asked to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You may also press <Esc> to abort the selection.

To disable password, just press <Enter> when you are prompted to enter password. A message will confirm the password being disabled. Once the password is disabled, the system will boot and you can enter BIOS Setup freely.

### **PASSWORD DISABLED**

If you have selected “System” in “Security Option” of “BIOS Features Setup” menu, you will be prompted for the password every time the system reboots or any time you try to enter BIOS Setup.

If you have selected “Setup” at “Security Option” from “BIOS Features Setup” menu, you will be prompted for the password only when you enter BIOS Setup.

Supervisor Password has higher priority than User Password. You can use Supervisor Password when booting the system or entering BIOS Setup to modify all settings. Also you can use User Password when booting the system or entering BIOS Setup but can not modify any setting if Supervisor Password is enabled.

## ***Save & Exit Setup Option***

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to save the changes that you have made in the Setup Utility and exit the Setup Utility. When the Save and Exit dialog box appears, press <Y> to save and exit, or press <N> to return to the main menu:

## ***Exit Without Saving***

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to discard any changes that you have made in the Setup Utility and exit the Setup Utility. When the Exit Without Saving dialog box appears, press <Y> to discard changes and exit, or press <N> to return to the main menu.



*If you have made settings that you do not want to save, use the “Exit Without Saving” item and press <Y> to discard any changes you have made.*

This concludes Chapter 3. Refer to the next chapter for information on the software supplied with the motherboard.

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## Chapter 4

### Using the Motherboard Software

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#### About the Software CD-ROM

The support software CD-ROM that is included in the motherboard package contains all the drivers and utility programs needed to properly run the bundled products. Below you can find a brief description of each software program, and the location for your motherboard version. More information on some programs is available in a README file, located in the same directory as the software.



*Never try to install all software from folder that is not specified for use with your motherboard.*

Before installing any software, always inspect the folder for files named README.TXT, INSTALL.TXT, or something similar. These files may contain important information that is not included in this manual.

#### Auto-installing under Windows 98/ME/2000/XP

The Auto-install CD-ROM makes it easy for you to install the drivers and software for your motherboard.



*If the Auto-install CD-ROM does not work on your system, you can still install drivers through the file manager for your OS (for example, Windows Explorer). Refer to the Utility Folder Installation Notes later in this chapter.*

The support software CD-ROM disc loads automatically under Windows 98/ME/2000/XP. When you insert the CD-ROM disc in the CD-ROM drive, the autorun feature will automatically bring up the install screen. The screen has three buttons on it, Setup, Browse CD and Exit.



*If the opening screen does not appear; double-click the file "setup.exe" in the root directory.*

## Setup Tab

<b>Setup</b>	Click the <b>Setup</b> button to run the software installation program. Select from the menu which software you want to install.
<b>Browse CD</b>	<p>The <b>Browse CD</b> button is the standard Windows command that allows you to open Windows Explorer and show the contents of the support CD.</p> <p>Before installing the software from Windows Explorer, look for a file named README.TXT, INSTALL.TXT or something similar. This file may contain important information to help you install the software correctly.</p> <p>Some software is installed in separate folders for different operating systems, such as DOS, WIN NT, or WIN98/95. Always go to the correct folder for the kind of OS you are using.</p> <p>In install the software, execute a file named SETUP.EXE or INSTALL.EXE by double-clicking the file and then following the instructions on the screen.</p>
<b>Exit</b>	The <b>EXIT</b> button closes the Auto Setup window.

## Application Tab

Lists the software utilities that are available on the CD.

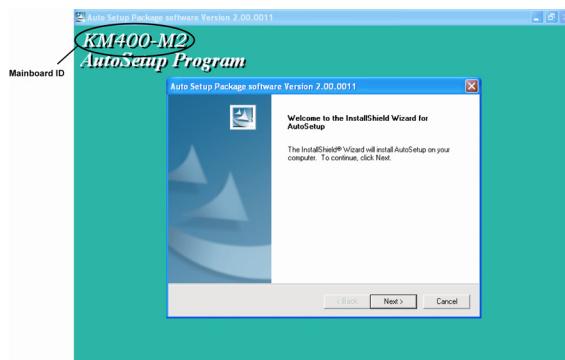
## Read Me Tab

Displays the path for all software and drivers available on the CD.

## Running Setup

*Follow these instructions to install device drivers and software for the motherboard:*

1. Click **Setup**. The installation program begins:

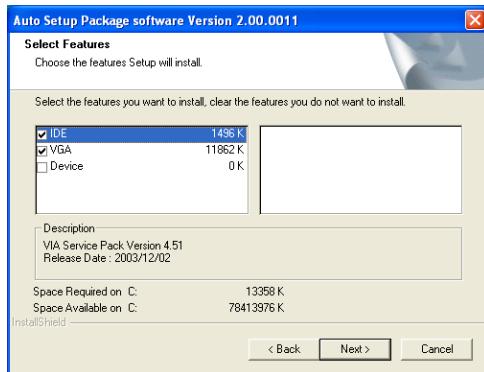


*The following screens are examples only. The screens and driver lists will be different according to the motherboard you are installing.*

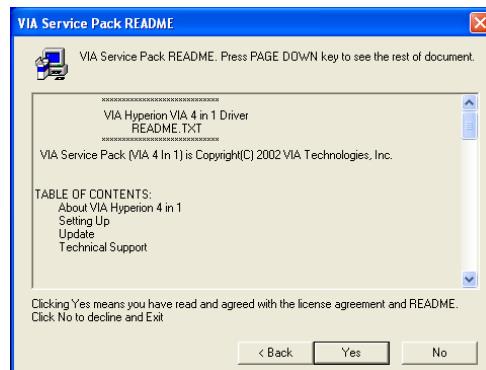
The motherboard identification is located in the upper left-hand corner.

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2. Click **Next**. The following screen appears:



3. Check the box next to the items you want to install. The default options are recommended.
4. Click **Next** run the Installation Wizard. An item installation screen appears:



5. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the items.

Drivers and software are automatically installed in sequence. Follow the onscreen instructions, confirm commands and allow the computer to restart a few times to complete the installation.

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## Manual Installation

Insert the CD in the CD-ROM drive and locate the PATH.DOC file in the root directory. This file contains the information needed to locate the drivers for your motherboard.

Look for the chipset and motherboard model; then browse to the directory and path to begin installing the drivers. Most drivers have a setup program (SETUP.EXE) that automatically detects your operating system before installation. Other drivers have the setup program located in the operating system subfolder.

If the driver you want to install does not have a setup program, browse to the operating system subfolder and locate the readme text file (README.TXT or README.DOC) for information on installing the driver or software for your operating system.

## Utility Software Reference

All the utility software available from this page is Windows compliant. They are provided only for the convenience of the customer. The following software is furnished under license and may only be used or copied in accordance with the terms of the license.



*These software(s) are subject to change at anytime without prior notice.  
Please refer to the support CD for available software.*

### ***AMI/AWARD Flash Memory Utility***

*This utility lets you erase the system BIOS stored on a Flash Memory chip on the motherboard, and lets you copy an updated version of the BIOS to the chip. Proceed with caution when using this program. If you erase the current BIOS and fail to write a new BIOS, or write a new BIOS that is incorrect, your system will malfunction. Refer to Chapter 3, Using BIOS for more information.*

### ***WinFlash Utility***

The Award WinFlash utility is a Windows version of the DOS Award BIOS flash writer utility. The utility enables you to flash the system BIOS stored on a Flash Memory chip on the motherboard while in a Windows environment. This utility is currently available for WINXP\ME\2000\98SE. To install the WinFlash utility, run WINFLASH.EXE from the following directory: \UTILITY\WINFLASH 1.51

This concludes Chapter 4.

## Chapter 5

### VIA VT8237 SATA RAID Setup Guide

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#### VIA RAID Configurations

The motherboard includes a high performance Serial ATA RAID controller integrated in the VIA VT8237 Southbridge chipset. It supports RAID 0, RAID 1 and JBOD with two independent Serial ATA channels.

**RAID:** (Redundant Array of Independent Disk Drives) use jointly several hard drives to increase data transfer rates and data security. It depends on the number of drives present and RAID function you select to fulfill the security or performance purposes or both.

**RAID 0** (called data striping) optimizes two identical hard disk drives to read and write data in parallel, interleaved stacks. Two hard disks perform the same work as a single drive but at a sustained data transfer rate, double that of a single disk alone, thus improving data access and storage.

**RAID 1** (called data mirroring) copies and maintains an identical image of data from one drive to a second drive. If one drive fails, the disk array management software directs all applications to the surviving drive as it contains a complete copy of the data in the other drive. This RAID configuration provides data protection and increases fault tolerance to the entire system.

**JBOD:** (Just a Bunch of Drives) Also known as “Spanning”. Two or more hard drives are required. Several hard disk types configured as a single hard disk. The hard drives are simply hooked up in series. This expands the capacity of your drive and results in a useable total capacity. However, JBOD will not increase any performance or data security.

#### *Install the Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks*

The VIA VT8237 Southbridge chipset supports Serial ATA hard disk drives. For optimal performance, install identical drives of the same model and capacity when creating a RAID set.

- If you are creating a RAID 0 (striping) array of performance, use two new drives.
- If you are creating a RAID 1 (mirroring) array for protection, you can use two new drives or use an existing drive and a new drive (the new drive must be of the same size or larger than the existing drive). If you use two drives of different sizes, the smaller capacity hard disk will be the base storage size. For example, one hard disk has an 80GB storage capacity and the other hard disk has 60GB storage capacity, the maximum storage capacity for the RAID 1 set is 60GB.

Follow these steps to install the SATA hard disks for RAID configuration.

- i Before setting up your new RAID array, verify the status of your hard disks. Make sure the Master/Slave jumpers are configured properly.
- ii Both the data and power SATA cables are new cables. You cannot use older 40-pin 80-conductor IDE or regular IDE power cables with Serial ATA drives. Installing Serial ATA (SATA) hard disks require the use of new Serial ATA cable (4-conductor) which supports the Serial ATA protocol and a Serial ATA power cable.
- iii Either end of the Serial ATA data cable can be connected to the SATA hard disk or the SATA connector on the motherboard.

- 1 Install the Serial ATA hard disks into the drive bays.
- 2 Connect one end of the Serial ATA cable to the motherboard's primary Serial ATA connector (SATA1).
- 3 Connect the other end of Serial ATA cable to the master Serial ATA hard disk.
- 4 Connect one end of the second Serial ATA cable to the motherboard's secondary Serial ATA connector (SATA2).
- 5 Connect the other end of Serial ATA cable to the secondary Serial ATA hard disk.
- 6 Connect the Serial ATA power cable to the power connector on each drive.
- 7 Proceed to section "Entering VIA Tech RAID BIOS Utility" for the next procedure.

### **Entering VIA Tech RAID BIOS Utility**

- 1 Boot-up your computer.
- 2 During POST, press <TAB> to enter VIA RAID configuration utility. The following menu options will appear.

 The RAID BIOS information on the setup screen shown is for reference only. What you see on your screen may not be exactly the same as shown.

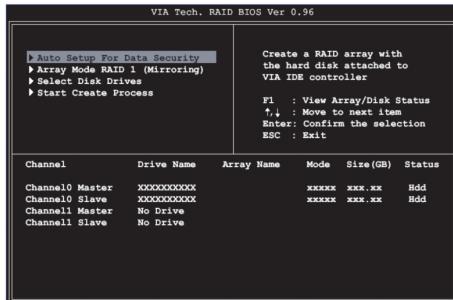


On the upper-right side of the screen is the message and legend box. The keys on the legend box allow you to navigate through the setup menu options. The message describes the function of each menu item. The following lists the keys found in the legend box with their corresponding functions.

F1	View Array
↑↓	Move to the next item
Enter	Confirm the selection
ESC	Exit

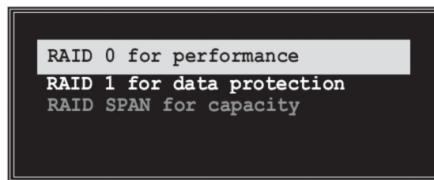
## Create Array

- In the VIA RAID BIOS utility main menu, select **Create Array** then press the <Enter> key. The main menu items on the upper-left corner of the screen are replaced with create array menu options.

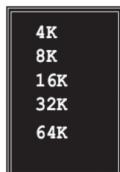


## RAID 0 for performance

- Select the second option item **Array Mode**, then press the <Enter> key. The RAID system setting pop-up menu appears.



- Select **RAID 0 for performance** from the menu and press <Enter>. From this point, you may choose to auto-configure the RAID array by selecting Auto Setup for Performance or manually configure the RAID array for striped sets. If you want to manually configure the RAID array continue with next step, otherwise, proceed to step #5.
- Select **Select Disk Drives**, then press <Enter>. Use arrow keys to select disk drive/s, then press <Enter> to mark selected drive. An asterisk is placed before the selected drive.
- Select **Block Size**, then press <Enter> to set array block size. Lists of valid array block sizes are displayed on a pop-up menu.



**Tip** For server systems, it is recommended to use a lower array block size. For multimedia computer systems used mainly for audio and video editing, a higher array block size is recommended for optimum performance.

Use arrow keys to move selection bar on items and press <Enter> to select.

5 Select Start Create Process and press <Enter> to setup hard disk for RAID system. The following confirmation appears:

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**The same confirmation message appears when the Auto Setup for Performance option is selected.**

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The data on the selected disks will be destroyed. Continue? Press Y/N

Press “Y” to confirm or “N” to return to the configuration options.

### **RAID 1 for data protection**

1 Select the second option item Array Mode, then press the <Enter> key. The RAID system setting pop-up menu appears.

RAID 0 for performance  
RAID 1 for data protection  
RAID SPAN for capacity

2 Select RAID 1 for data protection from the menu and press <Enter>. Select next task from pop-up menu. The task Create only creates the mirrored set without creating a backup. Create and duplicate creates both mirrored set and backup.

Create only  
Create and duplicate

3 Select task and press <Enter>. The screen returns to Create Array menu items. From this point, you may choose to auto-configure the RAID array by selecting Auto Setup for Data Security or manually configure the RAID array for mirrored sets. If you want to manually configure the RAID array continue with next step, otherwise, proceed to step #5.  
 4 Select Select Disk Drives, then press <Enter>. Use arrow keys to select disk drive/s, then press <Enter> to mark selected drive. (An asterisk is placed before a selected drive.)  
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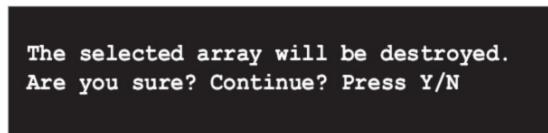
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The data on the selected disks will be destroyed. Continue? Press Y/N

Press “Y” to confirm or “N” to return to the configuration options.

## Delete Array

- 1 In the VIA RAID BIOS utility main menu, select **Delete Array** then press the <Enter> key. The focus is directed to the list of channel used for IDE RAID arrays.
- 2 Press the <Enter> key to select a RAID array to delete. The following confirmation message appears.



Press “Y” to confirm or “N” to return to the configuration options.

## Select Boot Array

- 1 In the VIA RAID BIOS utility main menu, select Select Boot Array then press the <Enter> key. The focus is directed to the list of channel used for IDE RAID arrays.
- 2 Press the <Enter> key to select a RAID array for boot. The Status of the selected array will change to Boot. Press <ESC> key to go return to menu items. Follow the same procedure to deselect the boot array.

Channel	Drive Name	Array Name	Mode	Size(GB)	Status
[ ] Channel0 Master	X:XXXXXXX		xxxxxx	xxx.xx	Hdd
[ ] Channel0 Slave	XXXXXXXXXX		xxxxxx	xxx.xx	Hdd
Channell Master	No Drive				
Channell Slave	No Drive				

## Serial Number View

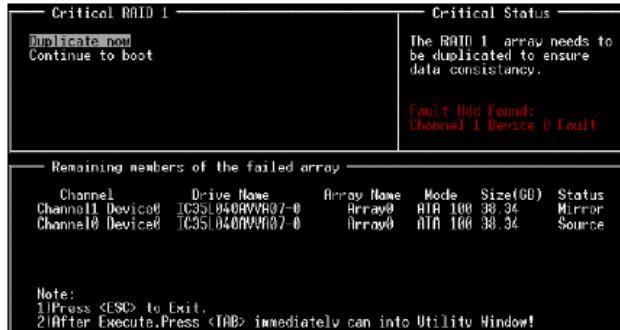
- 1 In the VIA RAID BIOS utility main menu, select Serial Number View then press the <Enter> key. The focus is directed to the list of channel used for IDE RAID arrays. Move the selection bar on each item and the serial number is displayed at the bottom of the screen. This option is useful for identifying same model disks.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Create Array</li> <li>&gt; Delete Array</li> <li>&gt; Create/Delete Spare</li> <li>&gt; Select Boot Array</li> <li>&gt; Serial Number View</li> </ul>			Create a RAID array with the hard disk attached to VIA IDE controller F1 : View Array/Disk Status F4 : Move to next item Enter: Confirm the selection ESC : Exit		
Channel	Drive Name	Array Name	Mode	Size(GB)	Status
Channel0 Master	XXXXXXXXXX		xxxxxx	xxx.xx	Hdd
Channel0 Slave	XXXXXXXXXX		xxxxxx	xxx.xx	Hdd
Channell Master	No Drive				
Channell Slave	No Drive				

Serial Number: VJF41646

## Duplicate Critical RAID 1 Array

When booting up the system, BIOS will detect if the RAID 1 array has any inconsistencies between user data and backup data. If BIOS detects any inconsistencies, the status of the disk array will be marked as critical, and BIOS will prompt the user to duplicate the RAID 1 in order to ensure the backup data consistency with the user data.



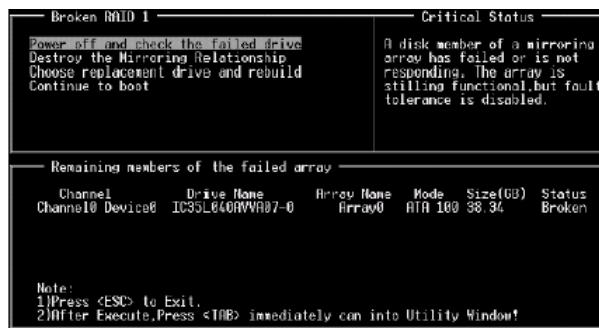
If user selects **Continue to boot**, it will enable duplicating the array after booting into OS.

## Rebuild Broken RAID 1 Array

When booting up the system, BIOS will detect if any member disk drives of RAID has failed or is absent. If BIOS detects any disk drive failures or missing disk drives, the status of the array will be marked as broken.

If BIOS detects a broken RAID 1 array but there is a spare hard drive available for rebuilding the broken array, the spare hard drive will automatically become the mirroring drive. BIOS will show a main interface just like a duplicated RAID 1. Selecting **Continue to boot** enables the user to duplicate the array after booting into operating system.

If BIOS detects a broken RAID 1 array but there is no spare hard drive available for rebuilding the array, BIOS will provide several operations to solve such problems.



## 1. Power off and Check the Failed Drive:

This item turns off the computer and replaces the failed hard drive with a good one. If your computer does not support APM, you must turn off your computer manually. After replacing the hard drive, boot into BIOS and select **Choose replacement drive and rebuild** to rebuild the broken array.

## 2. Destroy the Mirroring Relationship:

This item cancels the data mirroring relationship of the broken array. For broken RAID 1 arrays, the data on the surviving disk will remain after the destroy operation. However, **Destroy the Mirroring Relationship** is not recommended because the data on the remaining disk will be lost when the hard drive is used to create another RAID 1 array.

## 3. Choose Replacement Drive and Rebuild:

This item enables users to select an already-connected hard drive to rebuild the broken array. After choosing a hard drive, the channel column will be activated.



Highlight the target hard drive and press <Enter>, a warning message will appear. Press **Y** to use that hard drive to rebuild, or press **N** to cancel. Please note selecting option **Y** will destroy all the data on the selected hard drive.

## 4. Continue to boot:

This item enables BIOS to skip the problem and continue booting into OS.

## Installing RAID Software & Drivers

### *Install Driver in Windows OS*

#### **New Windows OS (2000/XP/NT4) Installation**

The following details the installation of the drivers while installing Windows XP.

- 1 Start the installation:  
Boot from the CD-ROM. Press **F6** when the message "Press F6 if you need to install third party SCSI or RAID driver" appears.
- 2 When the Windows Setup window is generated, press **S** to specify an Additional Device(s).
- 3 Insert the driver diskette **VIA VT8237 Disk Driver** into drive A: and press <Enter>.
- 4 Depending on your operation system, choose **VIA Serial ATA RAID Controller (Windows XP)**, **VIA Serial ATA RAID Controller (Windows 2000)** or **VIA Serial ATA RAID Controller (Windows NT4)** from the list that appears on Windows XP Setup screen, press the <Enter> key.
- 5 Press <Enter> to continue with installation or if you need to specify any additional devices to be installed, do so at this time. Once all devices are specified, press <Enter> to continue with installation.
- 6 From the Windows XP Setup screen press the <Enter> key. Setup will now load all device files and the continue the Windows XP installation.

#### **Existing Windows XP Driver Installation**

- 1 Insert the ECS CD into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2 The CD will auto-run and the setup screen will appear.
- 3 Under the Driver tab, click on **VIA SATA RAID Utility**.
- 4 The drivers will be automatically installed.

#### **Confirming Windows XP Driver Installation**

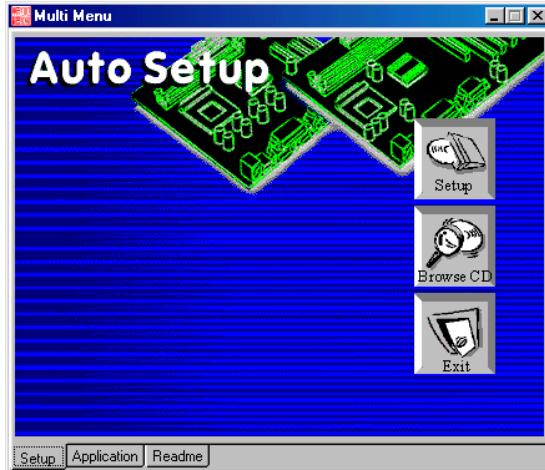
- 1 From Windows XP, open the **Control Panel** from **My Computer** followed by the System icon.
- 2 Choose the **Hardware** tab, then click the **Device manager** tab.
- 3 Click the "+" in front of the **SCSI and RAID Controllers** hardware type. The driver **VIA IDE RAID Host Controller** should appear.

## ***Installation of VIA SATA RAID Utility***

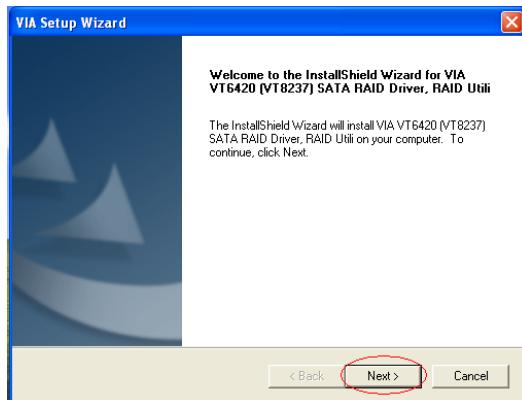
The VIA SATA RAID Utility is the software package that enables high-performance RAID 0 arrays in the Windows®XP operating system. This version of VIA SATA RAID Utility contains the following key features:

- Serial ATA RAID driver for Windows XP
- VIA SATA RAID utility
- RAID0 and RAID1 functions

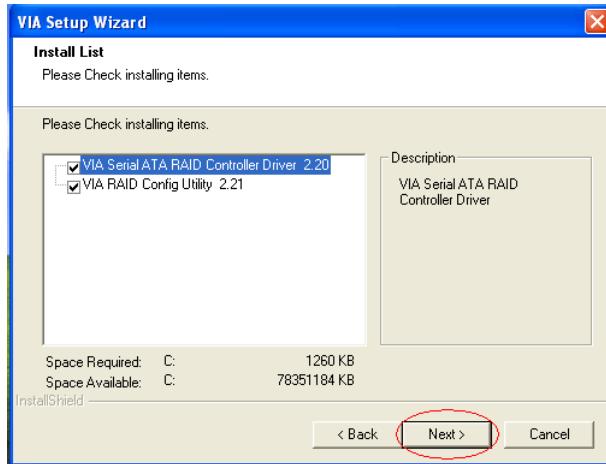
Insert the ECS CD and click on the **Setup** to install the software.



The **InstallShield Wizard** will begin automatically for installation. Click on the **Next** button to proceed the installation in the welcoming window.

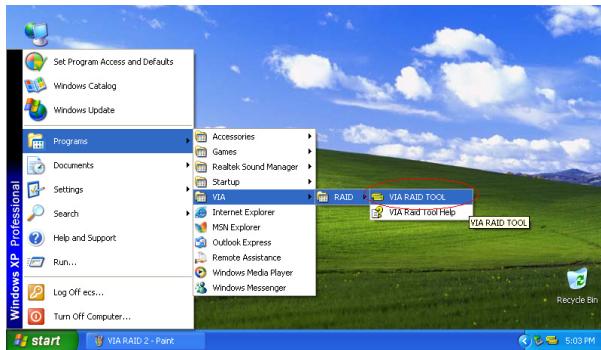


Put a check mark in the check box to install the feature you want. Then click **Next** button to proceed the installation.

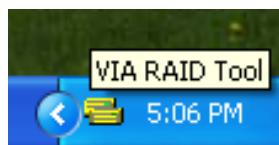


## Using VIA RAID Tool

Once the installation is complete, go to Start---> Programs---> VIA---> raid\_tool.exe to enable VIA RAID Tool.



After the software is finished installation, it will automatically started every time Windows is initiated. You may double-click on the  icon shown in the system tray of the toolbar to launch the **VIA RAID Tool** utility.



The main interface is divided into two windows and the toolbar above contain the main functions. Click on these toolbar buttons to execute their specific functions. The left windowpane displays the controller and disk drives and the right windowpane displays the details of the controller or disk drives. The available features are as following:



View by Controller



View by Devices



View Event log

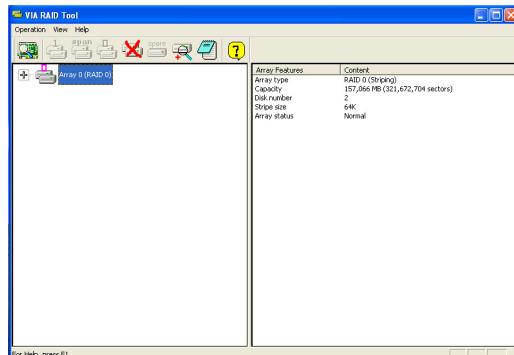


Help Topics

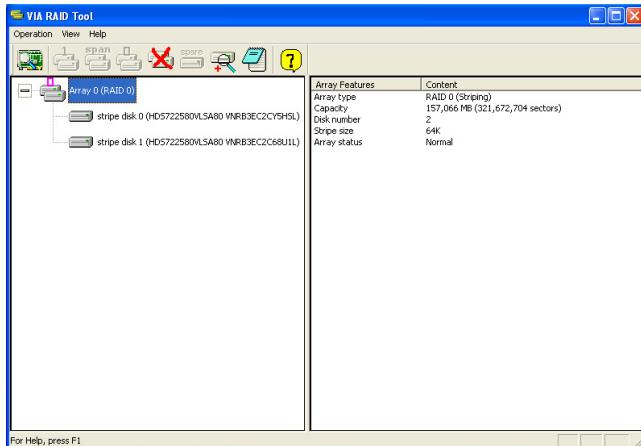
It means that VT8237 SATA RAID only has the feature of monitoring the statuses of RAID 0 and RAID 1.



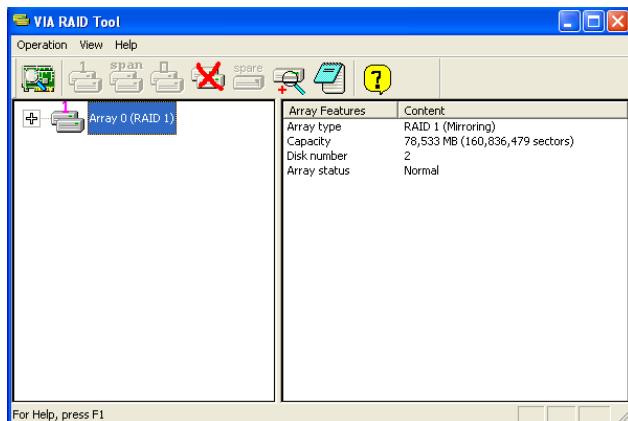
Click on or button to determine the viewing type of left windowpane. There are two viewing types: By controllers and by device. Click on the object in the left windowpane to display the status of the object in the right windowpane. The following screen shows the status of Array 0-RAID 0.



Click on the plus (+) symbol next to Array 0--RAID 0 to see the details of each disk.



You may also use the same or button to view the statuses of Array 0--RAID 1.



Click on the plus (+) symbol next to Array 0; RAID 1 to see the details of each disk.

